(d) whether orchards are also covered under this scheme; if so, the details of (b) and (c) given above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) The comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) was in operation from 1986 in Himachal Pradesh. However, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) has been implemented from Rabi 1999-2000

As per the information furnished by the Implementing Agency, 32 farmers have been covered under the NAIS in the State during rabi 1999-2000.

(c) One State-level Workshop and four district-level awareness cum training programmes had been conducted for the benefit of farmers; officials of the State Government and financial institutions concerned.

(d) NAIS covers cereals, millets, pulses, oilseeds and annual commercial/ horticultural crops subject to the availability of adequate past yield data. Orchards being perennial in nature, are not covered under NAIS at present.

Malpractices adopted by traders posing as farmers in A.P.

3550. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether traders of Andhra Pradesh posing as farmers sell chilli in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh at high prices and evade income and commercial taxes; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to stop such malpractices and assist farmers actually to get the benefit of production and not traders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Ministry of Agriculture has not received any report about malpractices adopted by traders posing as farmers in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

Integrated Seed Development Scheme

3551. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Integrated Seed Development Scheme (ISDS) is under implementation in the State of Gujarat;